

These are the words of Sir Winston Churchill showing the dedication and determination of military warriors who fight for liberty. They never give up; and, of course, they never give in. Army Staff Sergeant Terrance Dunn was one of those soldiers.

Calling Atascocita, Texas, home, Staff Sergeant Dunn graduated from Pascagoula High School in Mississippi in 1987. In high school, he was known as the student always helping others.

In 1991, Staff Sergeant Dunn enlisted in the United States Army. He volunteered to serve this country and to become a part of an organization that accomplished great things. For him, the Army was his life.

For 16 years, Staff Sergeant Dunn devoted his life to protecting United States and its citizens from those who wanted to destroy us, freedom and liberty. He was always taking time to make sure that his Army uniform was in perfect shape, and he was proud of his service.

In one of the first letters he sent to his mother after enlisting into the United States Army, he told her that he was a real soldier now and he loved it.

Staff Sergeant Dunn was routinely away from the comforts and luxuries of home in Texas. He served tours of duty in Germany, Bosnia, Africa, South Korea, and, of course, two tours of duty in Iraq. He was committed to the service, he was committed to the American people, he was committed to his family, and he was committed to his duty.

As most military soldiers, Staff Sergeant Dunn was a very humble person about his service. He considered it an honor.

Family was one of the most important things to Staff Sergeant Dunn. He was the youngest of six children. He was close to all of his brothers and sisters and his numerous nieces and nephews. Even while amid the cannons of battle, he would call home to his family and check on them to see how they were doing, making sure they were okay.

Staff Sergeant Dunn was coming home to Texas in April, next month, after finishing that second tour of duty in that land far, far away that we call Iraq. He was assigned to the 210th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division. He was a mechanic for the United States Army and responsible for servicing vehicles and Army tanks. He was also tasked with fixing any broken equipment because he was a technological whiz. He could fix anything.

To his fellow soldiers, they called him the "Dunnaman." If something needed done, Dunnaman did it, and it was given to him to do because they could always count on Staff Sergeant Dunn.

On February 2 of this year, Staff Sergeant Dunn called home to one of his sisters, checking on the status of the folks back home. With all the dangers of the Iraqi desert, his mind was al-

ways on his family. His sister had no way of knowing that that would be the last time that she spoke to her brother.

This is a photograph of Staff Sergeant Dunn taken shortly before his life was stolen from him. Because, several hours later, on patrol in Baghdad, an IED, an improvised explosive device, hidden by faceless enemies that will not come out and fight, detonated near Staff Sergeant Dunn's patrol vehicle, killing this American warrior. He was 38 years of age.

Sergeant Dunn is the 18th American warrior associated with my southeast congressional district to be killed in this war in the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan.

For his bravery and service to his people, Staff Sergeant Dunn was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He was brought home to Louisiana, his birthplace. Staff Sergeant Dunn was carried by his fellow soldiers in the Army Honor Guard, and he was laid to rest with full military honors.

Staff Sergeant Dunn was an American patriot. That is a word sometimes we don't like to use, but he was, and he was proud to be a patriot. He was a hero to his family, his fellow soldiers, and to us. He served his country for 16 years, and he accomplished great things in the United States Army.

And remember, Mr. Speaker, he, like all the people in Iraq and Afghanistan fighting for this Nation and for the Iraqi people, are volunteers. They asked to join the fight.

So God bless the Dunn family and God bless Staff Sergeant Dunn. He fought for our Nation. He defended liberty in lands far, far away. And he never surrendered.

In the words of George Orwell, "We sleep safe in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would try to do us harm." The American soldier.

And that's just the way it is.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CUMMINGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ETHICS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HILL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, today, I had the opportunity to introduce, I think, a very important bill. And for those who are listening in your offices, I hope other Members of Congress who have not gone home yet will take the opportunity to review this bill and join me as a co-author of the bill.

During the campaign last year, there were many issues that we talked about:

energy independence, health care, the Nation's budget. But one that emerged as a very, very important issue was the issue of ethics in the House of Representatives.

People were very disturbed at all the scandals that were going on in this great body, and they told me over and over and over again that Congress needed to clean up its act. And they are right. We did. And we do.

It pains me that the American public does not have a whole lot of faith in this institution because I love the House of Representatives. It is indeed an honor and privilege for me to serve in this great Chamber. In spite of all the arguments that we have here, democracy works.

I remember, Mr. Speaker, that Dick Gephardt once told me that the arguments that we have here in this great body is a replacement for war. And that, in fact, is the case. This system, even while it gets ugly at times, is a great system that we have in this great country. We love our country and we love our government because the government is here to serve the people. And when it doesn't act right, we need to do something about it. We need to restore the confidence of the House of Representatives back to the people of the United States. And in that I introduced a bill to try to restore that confidence again by the American people.

This bill that I have introduced will replace the present Ethics Committee as we know it today. Right now, the Ethics Committee consists of sitting Members of Congress, and it is very difficult for colleagues to investigate fellow colleagues. It is just naturally very difficult. This bill will replace that committee system with former Members of Congress who are not lobbyists, giving people like, let's say, Lee Hamilton an opportunity to serve in this capacity, who can kind of take a step away from the Members and do the investigations that have to be done so that we can restore honor and integrity to this great body.

I think it is a good idea. I have talked to several Members and already have several Members who have become co-authors with me on this important piece of legislation.

There will be six members appointed by the Speaker on the Democratic side and six members appointed by the Republicans, by the majority leader, on their side. They will serve for no longer than three terms. But they will have the opportunity to do the job that sitting Members cannot do. So I think it is a very important piece of legislation.

We need to make sure that the people who are on this committee have institutional knowledge of this great body. And as former Members who are not lobbyists, they have that institutional knowledge to do the work that has to be done, which is so difficult to be done now.

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So I hope those who are listening on their television sets and their offices